

TIBETAN KNOT

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It's no secret that the political and religious status of Tibet, since the communist rule was established there by Beijing, has been a huge worry of the United States. The reasons behind this special interest are quite obvious. The first, ideological one, deals with human rights, the everlasting "sacred cow" of the American establishment, freedom of religion being comprised. The second reason is of purely pragmatic nature. The problem of Tibet, unsettled so far, is one of the tools to put pressure on China, the country that both economically and, what is even more important, militarily is feeling itself fit to steadily increase its bid for number one world power status.

The problem of Tibet has been subject of undiminishing Washington's attention and the position of Mr. Raymond Greene, Consul General in Chengdu, only proves the fact.